

- (i) Partial convertibility of Indian currency has been introduced to improve export profitability.
- (ii) Profit on exports is exempted from Income Tax.
- (iii) Customs duties on most of the items have been reduced.
- (iv) Duty structure has been rationalised.
- (v) No licence is required for import of capital goods (whether new or second-hand), raw materials, consumables, spares, tooling or packing materials.
- (vi) To encourage software exports, Software Technology Parks (STPs) as 100% Export Oriented Units have been set up in various parts of the country.
- (vii) A value added data communication network is being set up to facilitate export of software to all parts of the world initially from Delhi, Bombay and Bangalore.
- (viii) Government sponsor and facilitate various export marketing activities including visits of business delegation and participation in exhibitions.
- (ix) Electronic sector units also can be set up under 100% Export Oriented Units (EOU) and Export Processing Zone (EPZ) schemes.

[Translation]

Development of Slums in Madhya Pradesh

2396. SHRI SURAJBHANU SOLANKI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to provide special assistance to

Madhya Pradesh and some other States for the improvement of slums;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to adopt and implement the development scheme in Bhopal and other district of Madhya Pradesh on the lines of development and improvement of slums schemes launched in Delhi; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The Union Government has no proposal for provision of special assistance to Madhya Pradesh or any other State for physical and environmental improvement of slums.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A comprehensive Habitat Improvement Project for improvement of slums in Indore City is being implemented with assistance from Government of United Kingdom.

There is no specific scheme for slum improvement implemented by the Central Government for Bhopal.

(d) Slum improvement projects are required to be taken up by the State Governments within their State Plan provisions.

[English]

Production of Scooters

2397. SHRI BHOJOY KRISHNA HAN-
DIQUE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be
pleased to state:

(a) the monthly production of scooters by the Scooters India Limited;

(b) the installed capacity of scooters and three wheelers in the Scooters India Limited;